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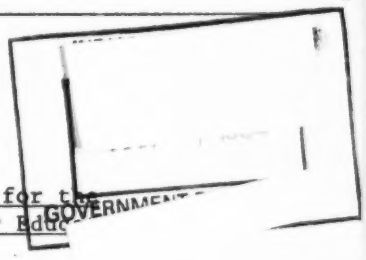
APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
CHILE

IPF:(1987-91) $14 183 000

(CHI/89/001) - Strengthening the Institutional Capacity for the Modernization of the Technological Infrastructure in Higher Educ
(Supplementary Assistance)



Date of approval:	13 August 1991
Expected duration:	24 months
Proposed executing agency:	Government
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Education through CONICYT (National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research)
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$2 000 000 Source of funds: IPF
Government cost sharing:	$5 828 900
Previous UNDP budget:	$6 500 000
Total UNDP budget:	$14 328 900

Project background

Chile has undertaken significant efforts to develop its economy; and its eventual position in the group of developed nations will depend decisively on the future efforts in the field of scientific investigation and technological innovation. In these areas, the country lies relatively ahead compared to other countries in the region or countries with a similar level of development. In spite of this, Chile faces a lot of economic restrictions, shortcomings of infrastructure and of equipment impeding the realization of the required investigations in favor of the development of the country.

The Government has therefore proposed concrete actions in order to promote a better development of the national science and technology sector. To improve the offering of knowledge and to strengthen the linkages with private enterprises that will finally use the technological innovations, it has requested further UNDP assistance under the present approval.

Description of project

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) select the necessary scientific equipment and to attend the requirements of acquisition in the universities or other technological institutes; (b) strengthen the management capacity of CONICYT, the administration, follow-up and control of development and investigation projects; and (c) determine periodically the lines of investigations that allow to generate advanced technology, define the human and material resources necessary, identify possible funding sources, and establish a mechanism for the acquisition of material technological infrastructure.

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By means of UNDP collaboration, a system will be introduced that may allow periodically, to detect the requirements of infrastructure as well as national and international technological support. It is intended to lay grounds for establishing the mechanisms to provide these activities in a self-sufficient way.

Inputs

UNDP will provide expertise in evaluation, 144 work-months of national consultancies including a national co-ordinator and specialists in bidding of equipment; three subcontracts in installation assistance; in-service and external training; scientific and research equipment; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	218 900
Subcontract	30 000
Training	41 000
Equipment	7 532 000
Miscellaneous	7 000
Total	7 828 900

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